

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0871A
Koji MIYAGAWA et al. : **Confirmation No. 9226**
Serial No. 10/581,907 : Group Art Unit 2621
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RECORDING APPARATUS, INTEGRATED :
CIRCUIT FOR RECORDING APPARATUS,
RECORDING METHOD, COMPUTER
PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM
WHICH FACILITATES CONTENT
RECORDING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of August 3, 2009, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-19, drawn to "a recording apparatus for recording contents, said recording apparatus comprising: a drive unit operable to have a portable recording medium removably attached; a relief recording medium; an obtaining unit operable to obtain specification information which specifies one or more portable recording media to be used for recording a content; a recording control unit operable to perform control so that (i) in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to said drive unit when the content is to be recorded, the content is recorded onto the attached portable recording medium, and (ii) in a case where none of the specified portable recording media are attached to said drive unit when the content is to be recorded, the content is recorded onto said relief recording medium; and a dubbing control unit operable to, in a case where one of the specified portable recording media is attached to said drive unit after the content has been recorded onto the relief recording medium, dub the recorded content from said relief recording medium onto the one of the specified portable recording media", classified in class 386, subclass 124, without traverse, for further

prosecution. The Applicants hereby also elect **Species I**, illustrated in Figure 3. Claims 1-11 and 17-19 read on the elected species.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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